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1. AS YOU AWARE, THE COMMUNISTS SEEM TO BE LAYING THE GROUND-
 WORK FOR NEW CLAIMS OF EXTENSIVE TERRITORIAL CONTROL. ON 18 JUNE,
 LIBERATION RADIO CLAIMED THAT LOCAL "PEOPLES GOVERNMENTS" ARE BEING
 SET UP "EVERYWHERE." THIS RADIO COMMENTARY SAID SUCH "GOVERNMENTS"
 HAD DEVELOPED SPONTANEOUSLY IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS IN THE
 WAKE OF THE CURRENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE. THE 18 JUNE BROADCAST
 MADE NO EFFORT TO TIE THESE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS INTO THE LIBERATION
 FRONT OR INTO THE NEW NATIONAL ALLIANCE. COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA USES
 MANY DIFFERENT TERMS FOR THESE NEW ~~GOVERN~~ "GOVERNMENTS" AND IS NOT
 YET PORTRAYING THIS MOVEMENT AS HAVING ANY PARTICULAR DIRECTION. THE
 18 JUNE COMMENTARY HIGHLIGHTED THE ALLEGED DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH
 GROUPS IN SAIGON AND IN THE DELTA BUT CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE SPRINGING
 UP THROUGHOUT VIETNAM. IN SAIGON THE COMMUNISTS CLAIM TO HAVE
 "SELF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES" IN THE 5TH, 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH PRECINCTS.

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IN THE DELTA, THE "PEOPLE" ARE ALLEGEDLY ELECTING "PEOPLES COUNCILS" AND "PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES" AT A RAPID RATE. ALL OF THIS IS STRONGLY REMINISCENT OF THE WAY LIBERATION RADIO TALKED ABOUT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE TET FIGHTING IN PREPARATION FOR SURFACING THE NEW ALLIANCE.

THESE COMMUNIST CLAIMS HAVE BECOME A MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST AT SENIOR LEVELS HERE. MR. ROSTOW HAS REQUESTED THAT WE PREPARE A DETAILED ANALYSIS ON THESE ALLEGED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND COMMITTEES. DO THEY IN FACT EXIST? HOW WIDESPREAD ARE THEY? WHAT FUNCTIONS DO THEY SERVE? WE AWARE FROM STATE TRAFFIC THAT STATION ALREADY PREPARING STUDY ALONG THESE LINES SO ASSUME YOU CAN MEET DEADLINE BY COB MONDAY, 24 JUNE, WASHINGTON TIME SO WE CAN SEND A COMPREHENSIVE MEMORANDUM TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON THIS TOPIC.

END OF MESSAGE

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